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Hello Everyone!

I sincerely hope your 2010 has been off to a great start with new beginnings and exciting ventures ahead. For Columbus Recreation, 2009 ended on a high note with the new Community Center. The building at 161 N. Dickason Boulevard was remodeled and opened to the public in late October. The Columbus Community Center houses the Recreation Department and Economic Development/Energy Sustainability. Please stop by to check it out!



Enjoy the 4th installment of the "City of Columbus Fun Guide". Many exciting programs and events will be starting soon, so sign-up now! Hopefully during 2010, Columbus Recreation will be able to offer online registration. This would allow participants the ease of registering from home. Fundraisers, including Bowling for Funds, will help this dream become a reality.

Check out the Columbus Recreation Blog! The latest information will be posted daily at <http://columbusrecwi.blogspot.com>. The city website at www.cityofcolumbuswi.com will have the Guide and additional information as well.

Thank you to all the volunteers who help with the programs. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and is directly linked to the success of the programs!

A few programs have been revised to better fit the needs of the community. Your feedback is always welcome. Watch for some exciting park improvements this year as well! Get out and enjoy our facilities, whether rain, snow, or shine. I hope you have a safe winter, fun spring, and relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

Megan R. Sommerhalder

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Recreation Director

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FAQ

Do I pay resident or non-resident?

A: When registering, please make sure you are paying the correct fees to prevent a delay in registration acceptance. There are resident and non-resident fees. Residents are those who live within the city limits, and non-residents are those who live outside the city limits. Non-residents include individuals who live outside the city limits, yet are in the Columbus School District. City and School District boundaries are different. Programs are supported by city resident's tax dollars. Non-residents are charged a higher fee to help subsidize.

Why Registration Deadlines?

A: To help ensure that program supplies (t-shirts, balls, etc) are all ready to go by the first practice! By registering late it makes it more difficult to have supplies ready and teams set-up. Please be courteous and have your registrations in on time. Late registrations do not guarantee your child will be able to participate and they will receive supplies. Please be courteous and register early!

Who organizes baseball, softball, and football?

A: These programs are organized by separate organizations: Columbus Youth Football Organization, Columbus Softball Association, and Columbus Baseball Organization. Please find direct contact information in the guide.

Columbus Recreation

Columbus Recreation seeks to provide recreational activities and facilities that will build strong families and a community way of life. Please use the registration form found on page 15 to register for the Recreation Department programs found in this guide.

Recreation Director:
Megan Sommerhalder

Columbus Recreation Department
Columbus Community Center
161 North Dickason Blvd.
Columbus, WI 53925

Phone: 623-5936
Fax: 623-5901

Email: recreation@columbuswi.us

Hours:

Monday - Friday,
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Rental key after hours drop box:
Columbus Community Center

City Buildings and Offices are closed:
Memorial Day, 4th of July, Thanksgiving,
Friday after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve
& Day, New Year's Eve & Day.



Columbus Area Senior Center

The Columbus Area Senior Center offers and promotes activities that enhance the quality of life for our senior community. It is a multi-purpose facility that serves the diverse recreational and social needs of area seniors, 50 and older, by providing educational activities, information, resources, programming, advocacy, health services, and agency referrals. The Senior Center encourages participation and strives to create a sense of well-being for all users.

Senior Center Director:
Marie Steffen

Senior Center Assistant:
Beth Heiniger

Columbus Area Senior Center
125 North Dickason Blvd.
Columbus, WI 53925

Phone: 623-5918
Fax: 623-5901

Meal Program Line: 623-9215
Email: seniorcenter@columbuswi.us

Hours:

Monday - Friday,
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Columbus Public Library

Columbus residents will have access to innovative library services, delivered in an efficient and effective manner, that provide materials, programs, and services, in a variety of formats, to meet their recreational needs; assist everyone to continue to grow and learn throughout their lives; provide opportunities and space for them to meet and gather in a neutral environment with each other; provide information and services of interest and importance to the business community.

Public Library Director:
Peggy Kindschi

Children's Librarian:
Melissa Potter

Columbus Public Library
223 West James St.
Columbus, WI 53925

Phone: 623-5910
Fax: 623-5928

Children's Department: 623-5926
Email: colpl@scls.lib.wi.us

Hours:

Monday - Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:30 pm
Friday, 9:00 am - 5:30 pm;
Saturday, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



Columbus Recreation has
MOVED!

Visit your Recreation Department
in our new location:
161 North Dickason Blvd.

Boards & Committees

Recreation Committee: Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at Community Center

Jeff Venden (Chair), John Link, Dennis Sampolinski, Brian Patrick, Amy Meyers.

Teen Center Ad Hoc Committee: Amy Cherry, Jeanne Russell, Trish Day, Kate Gillman, Ann Breitenbach.

Library Board: Meets the 3rd Tuesday at 5:00 pm at the Library.

Peter Kaland, Lyle Sampson, Bill O'Donnell (Secretary), Mary Lou Sharpee, Kelli Powers, Andrea Link, Kate Stover, Mark Jensen.

Senior Citizen's Advisory Board: Meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 8:45 am at the Senior Center.

Judy Fielder, Gerry Griese, DeAnn Neitzel, Rita Evanoo, Roger Weiner, Mary Zeidler, Lyle Smith.

Park Shelter Rentals

Shelters are available to rent at Fireman's Park. Open shelters at all parks are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and do not require a fee. To reserve, please call Columbus Recreation at 623-5936. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Pavilion:

Resident \$350 rental, \$200 deposit

Non-Resident \$400 rental, \$400 deposit

Rest Haven:

\$50 rental, \$50 deposit

Concession Stand:

\$50 rental, \$50 deposit

Columbus Parks:

Meister Park, Fireman's Park

Kiwanis Park, Avalon Park

Washington Park, Rotary Park

Family Fun Packs!

Community Learning Services and the Columbus PEP grant are partnering to offer these fun packs for families to rent. Pick the Field Pack for Wiffle ball and kickball supplies, choose three of the CLS board games for the Rainy Day Pack, or choose three items for the Lawn Games pack, including Ladderball, Bocce, Bean Bag Toss, Horse-shoes, Croquet and Volleyball/Badminton. More packs always available, let us know if there's something you're looking for! Fun Packs are rented for three days for \$10 with a \$5.00 deposit. You must be 18 or over to reserve a Fun Pack. To reserve your pack, call Katy or Lisa at (920) 623-6204 ext. 3923 Pick up is at Columbus Middle School.

Columbus Area Aquatic Center

The Columbus Area Aquatic Center is an outdoor, heated pool with a water surface area of 12,731 square feet. Its beach style "zero-depth" entry is 124 feet wide and leads to a 12'6" diving area. It contains a one meter diving board, room for a future drop slide addition, 6 lanes x 25 yd lap area, plunge area for the water slide with room for the addition of an inner-tube flume. The water slide has a length of 135 feet, a drop of 17.2 feet and an average grade of 13.89%. The interactive water activities include an SCS Arch Jet, SCS Bar Jet and an SCS Pipe Fall each with individual moveable valves.

Youngsters will enjoy themselves on the large Tot Slide and the individual grouped geysers. Swimmers of all ages may sit back in one of the many lounge chairs in the sun or under one of the many huge fun umbrellas to enjoy the cool shade. You'll never go hungry when visiting the concession stand at the aquatic center. Snack and dinner items including your favorite ice cream are served each and every day. Aquatic Center Season passes can be purchased at City Hall.

The Columbus Area Aquatic Center is proud to offer daily open swim sessions, lap swimming, fitness classes, swim lessons, competitive summer swim team, reduced rates for groups, after-hour private rentals, a concession stand on site, and certified accommodating staff! For more information, please contact the CAAC Manager, Loren Glasbrenner at 623-6047, lglasbrenner@columbuswi.us



Sports Organizations

Columbus Youth Football

The CYFO provides youth in Columbus with tackle and flag football, and focuses on providing fun and developmental activities. Programs take place in the spring and fall. Registration is occurring now. Fees include jerseys and flags. To register online, visit www.columbusfootball.net. Forms will also be available at City Hall and the Recreation Office. For information, please contact Jeff Venden at 623-5460.

Columbus Baseball Organization

The CBO provides baseball programs for a wide range of youth ages. Practices and games will begin in May. For registration and additional information pertaining to t-ball, little league, and coach pitch, contact Steve Manthey at 608-235-4886 or smanthey@charter.net. For Teener and Legion baseball, please contact Bob Jansen, 920-382-8020.

Columbus Softball Association, Inc.

CSA provides recreation level Fastpitch softball for girls in grades K-8. Girls in grades K-2 play in an infield only league in Columbus, while girls in grades 3-8 will play in a travel softball league. League play will run from the beginning of June thru the beginning of August. Practice may begin in April/May, depending on the team. For those players interested in playing more competitive softball, they can tryout for the Columbus based travel team, "Xplozion Fastpitch." For information, please contact Jim Wiersma at 920-296-4888.

Volunteers/Coaches

Volunteers and Coaches are essential to the success of recreation programs. We are always looking for volunteers to assist in programs or willing to coach a youth sports program. This is a great opportunity for parents to be involved in the development of their child and students to acquire hours for graduation requirements. Please contact the Recreation Director at 623-5936 if you are interested.

Interested in sponsoring a Rec Department team or program? Contact Columbus Recreation for sponsorship information!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Zumba Intro Night

This **FREE** class will introduce you to Zumba, a fitness class that combines high energy moves with motivating Latin and international music! This will be an instructional night and you'll get to meet new instructor, Amanda Hamer.

Wednesday, February 17
5:30 - 6:30 pm
Fireman's Park Pavilion
Min 5 / Max 50

Zumba

This fitness class combines high energy moves with motivating music. Using Latin and international music, we will dance the night away. Sessions are each seven weeks long. *Please note: the fee is paid to the instructor at each class and not to the Recreation Department. Cost is \$25 for the 7 week session or \$5 per class.*

5:30 - 6:30 pm for each session
Fireman's Park Pavilion
Min 5 / Max 50 per session

Session 1:

Wednesdays, February 24 - April 7

Session 2:

Wednesdays, April 14 - May 26

Session 3:

Wednesdays, June 2-July 28
(skip June 16 & 30)

Adult Basketball

Looking to stay active and get in on an exciting game of hoops? Sign up for this open league. This is a recreational league with no referees, standings, or specific teams.

Wednesdays, April 7 - June 2
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Columbus High School
Min 8/Max 30
\$15 Resident / \$20 Non-Resident
Registration Deadline: April 7

Interested in practicing basketball during the summer? Don't forget about our outdoor courts at Meister and Avalon Parks!!



Adult Soccer

Join your friends for some fun. This is a recreational league with no officials, standings, or specific teams. All players will need to bring a colored and white shirt.

Mondays, June 7 - August 9
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Meister Park
Min 10 / Max 32
\$15 Resident / \$20 Non-Resident
Registration Deadline: May 21

Adult Tennis Lessons

Just new to the game or looking to brush up on your skills? These lessons will give you the opportunity to learn all the fundamentals to become a good tennis player. Learn drills, instruction, and strategies to use during a match.

Thursdays, June 24 - August 12
6:00 - 7:00 pm
Fireman's Park Tennis Courts
Min 4 / Max 12
\$30 Resident / \$35 Non-Resident
Registration Deadline: June 11

Adult Tennis League

Play against others in the area! Participants schedule their games against their scheduled opponent. Three sets must be played and then reported to the Recreation Department. Schedules will be mailed after the registration deadline, and participants are responsible for contacting their opponent.

June 7 - August 13 (Days Vary)
Columbus Tennis Courts
Min 4 / Max 20
\$10 Resident / \$15 Non-Resident
Registration Deadline: May 21

Adult Flag Football

Looking to relive some of your youth and stay active during the summer months? Sign up for Adult Flag Football! This is a recreational league with no officials, standings, or specific teams. All players will need to bring a colored and white shirt. Games will be played in grass area located in front of the Pavilion.

Ages 18+
Sundays, June 6-August 1 (skip July 4)
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Fireman's Park
Min 8 / Max 32
\$20 Resident / \$25 Non-Resident
Registration Deadline: May 21

Adult Sand Volleyball

Get your friends together for some summer fun playing sand volleyball. This is a recreational league with no officials, standings, or specific teams.

May 4 - August 21
Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Avalon Park Sand Volleyball Court
Min 10 / Max 18
\$15 Resident / \$20 Non-Resident
Registration Deadline: April 30

EARLY RELEASE!

Join our email list and have these Fun Guides emailed directly to you prior to the mail date! Receive monthly updates and much more! Your email will not be shared with any groups.

Call: 623-5936

Email:

recreation@columbuswi.us

Intro to Sports

Give your little athlete a taste of several different sports and games. This class introduces children to the basic skills of football, soccer, golf, and more. Parent participation is encouraged.

Meister Park
Min 4 / Max 10
\$20 Res. / \$25 Non-Res. per session

Session 1: Ages 3 - 4

Wednesdays, June 16 - August 4
9:00 - 10:00 am
Registration Deadline: June 4

Session 2: Ages 5 - 6

Wednesdays, June 16 - August 4
10:00 - 11:00 am
Registration Deadline: June 4

Dodgeball

Hey kids, looking for something fun to do during the summer? Join in some fun Dodgeball games from traditional all the way to Torpedo.

Grades 2 - 5
Wednesdays, June 16 - August 4
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Meister Park
Min 8 / Max 20
\$20 Resident / \$25 Non-Resident
Registration Deadline: June 4

Cross Country

Become a cross country runner and participate in local meets - dates will be available at the first practice. Fee includes a t-shirt.

Grades 6 - 8
Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays
August 9 - October 11
8:00 - 9:00am (prior to 1st day of school)
Fireman's Park Open Shelter
3:45 - 4:45 pm (after 1st day of school)
Columbus High School
Min 10 / Max 30
\$20 Resident / \$25 Non-Resident
Registration Deadline: July 30

British Soccer Camp!

See page 13 for information on this great soccer camp coming this summer!

Youth Soccer

Our soccer program has been updated to open it up to even more levels! Learn soccer through game play. Practices and games are divided into skill building levels. Some games will take place against surrounding communities. Schedules will be available prior to the first practice. Wear comfortable clothing and dress appropriately for the weather. Fee includes t-shirt.

A coaches meeting will be held on March 22 at 6:00pm at the Community Center. If interested in coaching, please attend.

Meister Park
Min 10 / Max 50 per session
\$20 Res. / \$25 Non-Res. per session

Session 1: Pre-K - Kindergarten

April 5 - May 22
Mondays, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am
Registration Deadline: March 19

Session 2: Grades 1 - 2

April 6 - May 22
Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:00 am
Registration Deadline: March 19

Session 3: Grades 3 - 4

April 5 - May 22
Mondays, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:00 am
Registration Deadline: March 19

Session 4: Grades 5 - 7

April 6 - May 22
Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00pm
Saturdays, times vary with games
Registration Deadline: March 19

Track & Field

Now is your chance to learn all the events and compete against other Tracksters! Meet dates will be available at first practice. Fee includes t-shirt.

A coach is need for this program. Please contact the Recreation Department if you are interested.

Grades 4 - 8
Mondays, May 3 - June 21
5:30 - 7:00 pm
Columbus High School Track
Min 10 / Max 30
\$20 Resident / \$25 Non-Resident
Registration Deadline: April 23

Girls Volleyball

Learn the fundamentals of volleyball while having fun. We will have various scrimmages throughout the season with other communities. Fee includes a t-shirt.

Columbus Middle School
Min 12 / Max 30
\$20 Res. / \$25 Non-Res. per session

Session 1: Grades 3 - 4

Mondays, August 16 - October 11
5:30 - 6:45 pm
Registration Deadline: August 11

Session 2: Grades 5 - 6

Tuesdays, August 17 - October 12
5:30 - 6:45 pm
Registration Deadline: August 11

YOUTH TENNIS

The classes below will be held at the Fireman's Park Tennis Courts. Bring a racquet and water bottle to class.

Min 4 / Max 12 per class
\$30 Res. / \$35 Non-Res. per class

Pee Wee Tennis

This is a great class for your child to learn the exciting game of tennis. Basic tennis strokes and correct body movement will be taught through fun games and drills. You will want to have a racquet that is 21" long.

Ages 5 - 7
Mondays, June 21 - August 9
9:00 - 10:00 am
Fireman's Park Tennis Courts
Registration Deadline: June 11

Jump Into Tennis

This class stresses the importance of play and team competition. Any child can start playing immediately with the changes in play.

Ages 8 - 10
Mondays, June 21 - August 9
10:00 - 11:00 am
Fireman's Park Tennis Courts
Registration Deadline: June 11

Youth Tennis Lessons

Participants will learn and improve fundamental skills of tennis; including the serve, forehand, backhand, and volley.

Ages 11 & up
Mondays, June 21 - August 9
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Fireman's Park Tennis Courts
Registration Deadline: June 11

YOUTH & TEEN ENRICHMENT

Weekly Enrichment Programs

Join Columbus Recreation during the summer!

Each week there will be a lively program for youth to participate in.

We will play games, create cool projects, and so much more!

Session 1: Ages 3 - 6

Tuesdays, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Columbus Community Center

Min 4 / Max 12

\$15 Resident / \$20 Non-Resident per class

Registration Deadline: June 11

Treasure Day: June 22

Arrrr there Matey! Search for tiny treasures and create your own treasure chest. You'll even get a chance to walk the plank and wrestle crocodiles.

Animal Adventure: June 29

Spoil a pal and float a fish during this adventure. Find out crazy facts about your furry friends, and play some fun parachute games.

All About Boys: July 6

Play superhero games, partake in wall football, and try bean bag basketball. You will even get the chance to make a baseball wristband.

All About Girls: July 13

Create your very own beauty mask and tiny purse. Participants will also get the chance to enjoy spa activities.

Session 2: Ages 7 - 11

Tuesdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Columbus Community Center

Min 4 / Max 12

\$15 Resident / \$20 Non-Resident per class

Registration Deadline: June 11

Candy Explosion: July 20

Join us for some fun candy games, candy creations, and even candy tasting. Activities will include candy sushi, dangling donuts, and chocolate pudding drop.

Winter in July: July 27

It may be warm out, but it's time to celebrate snow! Make snowflake window clings, snowman on a stick, and 3-D greeting cards. You will even get the chance to play some wintery games.

Let's Go Green: August 3

Create all projects from recyclables! Create a piggy bank, a wallet from a carton, and all sorts of cool things from tubes.

Nature Extravaganza: August 10

Find out how to make all sorts of cool projects with items found in nature. Even make s'mores with the sun!

Twilight Party

Team Edward or Team Jacob? Join your friends to celebrate the release of *Eclipse*! Battle your friends in Twilight Jeopardy, bob for apples, partake in the vampire taste-test, play Twilight Bingo, and so much more! Prizes will be awarded to those who take the crown.

Ages 12+

Tuesday, June 29

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Columbus Community Center

Min 10 / Max 36

\$15 Resident / \$30 Non-Resident

Registration Deadline: June 18

Teen Volleyball

Join your friends in co-ed pick-up volleyball games. There will be no referees, standings, or specific teams.

Grades 8+

May 4 - August 21

Tuesdays, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Saturdays, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Avalon Park Sand Volleyball Court

Min 10 / Max 18

\$15 Resident / \$20 Non-Resident

Registration Deadline: April 30

Spa Night

Bring your friends along for a night of pampering. There will be facials, manicures, pedicures, and fun snacks and projects for a night of fun. Catch up on the latest gossip and enjoy some relaxation time!

Ages 12+

Tuesday, July 13

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Columbus Community Center

Min 10 / Max 36

\$15 Resident / \$20 Non-Resident

Registration Deadline: July 6

Mafia

Ever play "Heads Up, Seven Up" when you were young? Come and play the teen version known as "Mafia". The game involves role playing and lots of strategy. According to the Princeton Rules of Mafia, "it is a game that pits the forces of light against the forces of darkness". Snacks and thrills await you.

Ages 12+

Thursday, August 5

6:00 - 9:00pm

Columbus Community Center

Min 8 / Max 24

\$10 Resident / \$15 Non-Resident

Registration Deadline: July 30

Spring Egg Hunt

Come hop around and find some eggs! Hidden in the eggs will be some goodies and special prizes. Make sure you bring along a bag to carry all your fun findings. There may be a visit from a special bunny!

Please join us at 10:15 to get ready to hunt. The first 250 kids will receive a gift bag. The Spring Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 10:40. Sponsors and volunteers are needed for this event. There is no inclement weather date for the hunt, so please dress accordingly.

Ages 0 - 12

Saturday, April 3

10:15 am

Fireman's Park

Free



Camp Froggy

Hop on over to Camp Froggy! Children will hand stuff their own green or pink frog, complete a birth certificate and make a wish on a rainbow star during a special wish ceremony. A fun frog story and green treat will make the day complete! Go green (or pink) with Camp Froggy. Children under age of 5 will need a caregiver to assist with the project.

Ages 3 - 10

Thursday, July 22

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Columbus Community Center

Min 8 / Max 16

\$15 Resident

\$20 Non-Resident

Registration Deadline: July 9



SPECIAL EVENTS

A Night Out at Columbus Culver's

Join us for butter-burgers and custard! 10% of all food purchases will help support Columbus Recreation. So bring your family and friends down to the Columbus Culver's for some good eats. Funds raised will help fund online registration and program supplies.

Monday, April 12
4:00 - 9:00pm
Columbus Culver's



City Picnic

Celebrate summer with friends and neighbors. This evening will be spent playing lawn games, eating yummy picnic food, and listening to live entertainment. The Schramms Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Wisconsin (SAGBRAW) will also be in town for the event, so come out for a night of fun! Complete schedule of events will be available at a future date.

Saturday, July 31
5:00 - 8:00 pm
Fireman's Park

Community Learning Events

Check out the collaborative summer offerings of Community Learning Services and Columbus City Recreation at www.columbus.k12.wi.us/clc. Bike Trips, kayaking, and fun pack rentals will make those summer months fly by! For more information, contact Katy or Lisa at (920) 623-6204 ext. 3923

Get Fit Columbus Wellness Fair

Be watching this spring for the "Get Fit Columbus Wellness Fair"! Columbus Community Hospital will be providing a Registered Dietician, Fitness Staff, BP and Cholesterol Screening, Learn how to operate and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) and Call and Pump CPR. Plus check out the Massage Therapy options available to you at Columbus Community Hospital.

For more details:

www.columbus.k12.wi.us/clc
www.cityofcolumbuswi.com
www.cch-inc.com

DISCOUNT TICKETS

Some tickets are subject to black out dates. Please contact Columbus Recreation to purchase. Tickets are non-refundable and can be purchased with exact cash or personal check. A small amount is donated to Columbus Recreation from each ticket purchased.

Fall, Winter, Spring 2009-2010 Ticket Program

Tickets are available until May 15.

Milwaukee Bucks

Lower Level Seats WPRAs Price: \$27.00

Upper Level Seats WPRAs Price: \$12.00

Indianhead Mountain Resort Ski Lift Ticket

WPRAs Price: \$37.00 Adult / \$31.00 Child

Country Springs Hotel & The Springs Water Park

Weekday WPRAs Price: \$12.50

Weekend WPRAs Price: \$19.50 (Friday-Sunday)

Milwaukee County Zoo

WPRAs Price: \$9.25 Adult / \$6.25 Child

Hotel Rome at Mt. Olympus Water & Theme Park

Hotel Package-1 night stay and up to 4 passes

WPRAs Price: \$67.00

Summer 2010 Ticket Program

Tickets will be available May 15 - September 1

(Call Columbus Recreation for pricing information)

Dells Army Ducks

Dells Boat Tours

Dells Jet Boat Adventure

Lost Rios Indoor & Outdoor at Chula Vista Resort

Milwaukee County Zoo

Mt. Olympus

Noah's Ark

Pirate's Cove Adventure Golf

Rick Wilcox Magic Theater

Original Wisconsin Ducks

Six Flags Great America & Hurricane Harbor Water Park

Six Flags Great America WPRAs Week: July 10-18

Country Springs Hotel & Springs Water Park

Wild Things Jet Boats



Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association

Creating community through people, parks and programs!

COLUMBUS AREA SENIOR CENTER



Columbus Area Senior Center

125 North Dickason Boulevard
Columbus, WI 53925

Senior Center: (920) 623-5918

Meal Program: (920) 623-9215

(Call between 10:00 am - 1:00 pm)

Email: seniorcenter@columbuswi.us

Website: www.cityofcolumbuswi.com

Hours:

Monday - Friday,
8:00 am - 4:00 pm

About the Columbus Area Senior Center

The Columbus Area Senior Center opened in 1979, offering and promoting activities and services that enhance the quality of life for our senior community. It is a multi-purpose facility that serves the diverse recreational and social needs of area seniors, 50 and older, by providing educational activities, information, resources, recreational and social programming, advocacy, health services and agency referrals. The Senior Center encourages participation and strives to create a sense of well being for all users.

Art

Join other artists on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 1-4 pm. Art runs from September - May. Bring your own supplies and project to work on. Ask other artists for advice.

Bingo

Free to play! Prizes!

2nd Monday of the month at 12:30 pm, sponsored by Columbus Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30 am, sponsored by American Way

4th Monday of the month at 12:30 pm, sponsored by the Larson House

See newsletter for occasional Tuesdays, sponsored by Continental Manor.



Benefit Specialist

Lorie Bednarek, Columbia County Benefit Specialist is at the Senior Center on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10 am - noon. Register with the office if you would like to meet with her. Lorie can assist you with Medicare questions and services available to adults ages 60+.

Birthday/Anniversary Lunch

First business Monday of the month at 11:45 am. Sloppy Joe and Ham sandwich plates are available for purchase. If you would like to bring a cake or ice cream to help us celebrate your birthday—please do!!!

Blood Pressure

Free Screenings at the Senior Center, 11-11:45 am

1st business Monday of the month by the Columbus Community Hospital

3rd Monday of the month by Columbus Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Computer/Internet Access

We have two computers located in the lobby for the public to use. Computer training may be available. Call the senior center for details.

Crochet

All are invited to attend informal crochet/knitting sessions on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm.

"Donations Make A Difference – Organs, Tissue, Eye"

Tuesday, April 13 from 1:30-2:30 pm. Presented by Sharon Christensen, Lion's Eye Bank; Peggy Irwin, Musculoskeletal Tissue Foundation; Trey Schwab, UW Organ Procurement. Arranged through HCE.

Drop Site

We recycle Cell Phones, Eye Glasses, Hearing Aid Batteries and Hearing Aids. Food pantry items donations here.

Energy/Fuel Assistance

Columbia County Energy Assistance is at the Senior Center on the following dates from 9 am-Noon: February 2, March 16, April 20 and May 4.

Essay Contest for 6th Graders

Local students may submit an essay, 300 words or less, about My Best Older Friend or My Grandparents. Entry deadline is March 17. Local winners will receive cash prizes and have their essays submitted to the state contest.

Euchre

Fridays from 1:00-3:45/4:00 pm. Cash prizes are awarded for 1st-4th place. Low in these games takes home a candy bar! \$2 to play.

Exercise

Free Classes at 10:15 am Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Leaders:

Wilma Lenz Raith (Wednesday)

Columbus Community Hospital Therapist (Friday)

The Fireman's Park Pavilion is open to the public for walking through early April. Monday thru Friday, 7:30 am-3 pm and on Fridays from 7:30 am-noon.

Exercise Equipment

The following equipment is available for use: Pro-Form Treadmill, Recumbent Exercise Bike, Pro-Form Air Walker.

Foot Clinic

This is a service by the Beaver Dam Community Hospital. Call the Senior Center for an appointment. First Time: \$23; Follow-up: \$20.

2010 Dates include:

January 26, February 16, March 2 & 30, April 27, May 11, June 1 & 29, July 13 & 27, August 24, September 21.

COLUMBUS AREA SENIOR CENTER

Gift Shop

Open during regular business hours.

The Joy of Digital Photography

Tuesday, February 9 from 1:30-2:30 pm. Presenter is Wayne Brabender, arranged by HCE.

Lunchtime Lectures

The Columbus Community Hospital hosts this free lecture series at the senior center typically on the third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm

Magnifying Reading Machine

We have one, all are welcome to use it!

MATC Cooking Classes

MATC is offering the following classes at the senior center from 7-9 pm:

Main Dish Salads

Thursday, January 14

Cake Decorating

Thursdays, January 21-February 11

PastaLiscious

Thursday, February 25

Cheesecake Galore

Thursday, March 18, 6-9 pm

Fun Summer Foods

Thursday, April 8 & 15

There is a small fee for these classes. To register, call MATC at 1-608-745-3100, ext. 0. Ask about the senior discount.

Meals

The senior center serves as a meal site for Columbia County. Meals are prepared by Feil's Catering and are served at the senior center at 11:45 am. A \$4 donation is suggested for those 60 and older. The cost of the meal program is \$7.13/meal. Meal delivery arrangements may be made for those unable to eat at the center. Call by 1:00 pm, Monday-Friday, to reserve your meal for the next day. The meal site is open Monday-Friday, 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

Mind Spirit Body Games of Dodge and Columbia County

The Columbus Area Senior Center is hosting this event along with the Beaver Dam Community Activities and Service and the YMCA of Dodge County. Activities held on Friday, September 10.

Newsletter

A monthly newsletter is available at the senior center and various locations throughout Columbus. You may receive a free copy via the email if you provide us with your email address. Mailed subscriptions are also available for a fee of \$8.

Penny Ante Poker

Join others at the senior center on Thursdays at 1 pm. Periodically this group will meet on Wednesdays.

Potluck

Third Monday of each month at 11:45 am. Bring a dish to pass OR a donation. An educational program or entertainment follows at 12:30 pm with \$.50 Euchre at approximately 1 or 1:15 pm.

Prime Time Over 50 Resource Expo

Friday, June 25 at the Columbus High School. This expo features various organizations and businesses that provide services and products for seniors. The expo is free and lunch is provided for a small fee.

Rental

The building is available for rent during non-business hours. Refer to the City of Columbus website or call the senior center for more details.

Senior Citizen's Advisory Board

This board is established for the purpose of providing senior citizens a resource for communicating with their elected officials. The board advises the council



and senior center director in matters of particular concern and impact to the senior citizen community of Columbus. Meetings are open to the public and are held on the first Thursday of each month at 8:45 am in the senior center.

Senior Citizen's Club

This organization supports the Senior Center, along with other community projects. Meetings follow the birthday party (*1st business Monday of the month*) at 12:30 pm. Annual dues are \$1.

Sheepshead

Thursdays from 1:00-3:45/4:00 pm. Cash prizes are awarded for 1st-4th place. Low in these games takes home a candy bar! \$2 to play.

Transportation

The senior center newsletter has a list of people who will provide transportation to senior citizens. Columbia County also has transportation available for medical transports. Residents of Columbia County may call the ADRC office at 1-888-742-9233 to arrange a medical transport. Call at least 24 hours in advance.

Trips

We offer trips through Riteway Tour & Travel. If you register through the senior center, arrangements will be made for the bus to pick you up in Columbus. Riteway will present their 2010 Travel Show at the senior center on Tuesday, February 2 at 10 am.



COLUMBUS PUBLIC LIBRARY



National Library Week

April 11 - 17

TV Turnoff Week

April 18 - 24

Children's Book Week

May 9 - 15

Make a SPLASH @ Your Library

Summer Reading Program:

June 14

"A Pirates Life For Me"
(Registration is Required)
3:30 pm at the Senior Center

June 22

"The Bassmeister"
3:30 pm at the Senior Center

June 29

"Sail Away Crafts"
(Registration is Required)
3:30 pm at the Senior Center

July 13

"Make a Splash with Allan Liebermann"
3:30 pm at the Senior Center

July 20

"Live Frogs with Randy Korb"
3:30 pm at the Senior Center

MAKE A SPLASH Story Times

Preschool Story Time:

Open to ages 3-6
Monday and Wednesdays, 10:00 am

Family Story Time:

Open to all ages
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

June 14 - 16

A Pirates Life

June 21 - 23

Gone Fishing

June 28 - 30

Sail Away with Me

July 5 - 7

Beach Party

July 12 - 14

Water Creatures

July 19 - 21

Ribbiting Tales

Kids Klub

Open to kids in grades 3-6

Dig Into Dinosaurs

February 18, 4:00 pm

Drop-In Craft Saturdays

Open to children of all ages
Saturdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

February 6

Valentines Day

March 6

St. Patrick's Day

April 10

Spring

May 1

To be announced

Homeschool Storytime

For Home Schooling Families of all ages
10:00 am

February 11

Alien

March 11

Down and Dirty

April 8

What Stinks?

May 13

Black and White and Read All Over

Spring Story Times: Funny Food

Preschool Story Time

Open to ages 3-6
Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:00 am

Family Story Time

Open to all ages
Tuesdays, 6:30 pm

March 1 - 3

Extraordinary Eggs

March 8 - 10

Cookie Crunch

March 15 - 17

Pancake Day

March 22 - 24

Spaghetti Day

March 29 - 31

Vegetable Soup

April 5 - 7

Food Fun



CHALLENGER SPORTS BRITISH SOCCER CAMPS

A week of quality soccer instruction exclusively for the players in your community!

Over the past 20 years Challenger's vast army of British coaches have helped hundreds of thousands of boys and girls learn, improve, master and fall in love with the sport of "soccer".

Challenger is excited to bring one of their high quality coaching schools to THE COLUMBUS RECREATION DEPARTMENT. The week long programs are conducted on local facilities and each will contain Challenger's own brand of innovative practices; small sided games; camp world cup; cultural education; character building; and FUN!

- British Coaching Staff
- Individual skill development
- Daily World Cup style Tournament
- Fantastic cultural experience
- Free Soccer Ball & Camp T Shirt
- Host your own British coach - call now for more info!

COLUMBUS RECREATION

August 9th to 13th @ MEISTER PARK

Ages 3 - 4	9:00 - 10:00am	First Kicks	\$65
Ages 4 - 5	10:30 - 12:00pm	Mini Soccer	\$77
Ages 10 - 14	9:00 - 12:00pm	Half Day	\$102
Ages 6 - 9	1:00 - 4:00pm	Half Day	\$102



Receive this great looking Challenger jersey value \$39 for **FREE** when you register on line at least 45 days prior to camp!

Register Online

www.challengersports.com

Camper name _____ age ____ M ____ F ____ d.o.b. _____

Organization name _____ Camp date _____

Camp program _____ Time _____

Group with _____

T Shirt YS ____ YM ____ YL ____ AS ____ AM ____ AL ____ XL ____

Ball Size 3 (U8) ____ Size 4 (8-12) ____ Size 5 (13+) ____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

email _____

Emergency contact _____ # _____

****All cancellations are subject to \$30 non refundable deposit.**

*****No refunds for cancellations less than 7 days prior to camp.**

Payment in Full - Camp Fee enclosed \$ _____ Check number _____
Checks payable to Challenger Sports

I hereby release Challenger Sports and any hosting organization from any and all claims and liability of any kind of personal injury or property damage due to participation in this camp. I understand that participation in sports camps include physical contact and certify that my child is in good health and able to participate in all activities. I agree to notify the coaching staff of any preexisting medical or psychological conditions. If attention is required for illness or injury, I give my permission to a staff member for such care. I give my consent for my child to be photographed or video taped while participating in camp activities and for the resulting images to be used by Challenger Sports for promotional purposes.

Signature of parent _____ date _____

Yes, we are interested in hosting a coach.

Coordinator: Megan Sommerhalder
Mail to: 161 N. Dickason Blvd,
 Columbus, WI 53925
Phone: (608) 364-2890

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration

Registrations will be accepted until the deadline listed with the program. Late registrations will be taken at the Recreation Director's discretion. Pre-registration is encouraged for special events to ensure there are enough participants enrolled. Registrations are accepted through drop-off or mail in. Please keep checking for the future implementation of online registration! Registrations without full payment will not be accepted. Registrations should be completed in their entirety. Personal information and email addresses will not be shared.

Recreation Blog

Become a fan of our blog! For the most up-to-minute information, please visit the Columbus Recreation Blog at <http://columbusrecwi.blogspot.com>. Program information, cancellations, and more will be posted here.

Participant Age Policy

All participants must meet the age policy by the first day of the program. We will not register a participant who does not meet the requirement. Failure to indicate a birth date on the registration form will delay registration until age confirmation is made.

City Website

Please keep checking the city website at www.cityofcolumbuswi.com for the most updated information. Department and program information is readily available on the site. Also, additional registration forms and copies of the brochure will be available.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

If a program is cancelled due to low enrollment, a full refund will be awarded. If participant wishes to withdraw from program, whether the program has begun or not, a \$5 fee will be assessed plus cost of supplies (such as shirts and jerseys).

Oops!!

Occasionally, errors may occur. The Recreation Department will do everything possible to correct the situation. Thank you for your cooperation.

Program Assistance

If you qualify for program assistance with the schools, you may be eligible for assistance through the Recreation Department. Call for information.

Class Ideas

Do you have a talent you would like to share or a great idea for a program? Let us know! We're open to new exciting ideas. Call the Recreation Department to share your thoughts.

T-Shirt/Jersey Policy

The Recreation Department will make every attempt to ensure the correct shirt sizes are ordered. It is the participant's responsibility to list the appropriate size on the registration form. Refunds will not be granted if you order the wrong size. If an additional shirt needs to be ordered, fees will be assessed. Registrations received after the registration deadline DOES NOT guarantee a t-shirt, and fees will not be adjusted to accommodate change. Please contact the Recreation Department for measurements to ensure the proper size is ordered.

If your recreation program includes a t-shirt, the sizes are listed below. To assist you in choosing the correct size for your child, measure a t-shirt that fits well and select the corresponding size. Remember that sometimes a sweat-shirt may be worn under their shirts as weather varies.

Size	Width	Length
Youth Small (YS)	16	20
Youth Medium (YM)	17	22
Youth Large (YL)	18	24
Adult Small (AS)	18	28
Adult Medium (AM)	20	29
Adult Large (AL)	22	30
Adult X-Large (AXL)	24	31
Adult 2X-Large (XXL)	26	32

Inclement Weather

Safety is our main concern! If there is inclement weather, programs may be cancelled. If there are warnings issued by the National Weather Service, participants can assume the program is cancelled. If you are unsure, please contact your coach or the Recreation Department. Every attempt will be made to notify the participants in advance, and re-scheduling will be done at the Department's and coach's discretion. If the schools close early or are cancelled, all activities will be cancelled.

Fees

Fees are charged in two different ways: resident (R) and non-resident (NR). Residents are those who live within the city limits of Columbus, and non-residents are those who live outside the city limits. Non-residents includes individuals who live outside the city limits yet are in the Columbus School District. City and School District boundaries are different. Programs are supported by city resident's tax dollars, so non-residents are charged a higher fee. Sales tax of 5.5% is included for all reservations, as required by the state of Wisconsin.

Photographs

We may photograph activities to use the pictures in promotional material. If you do not wish to have you or your child's photo taken, please notify the Recreation Department immediately.

Americans with Disabilities Act

We welcome all individuals and families to participate in our programs regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or disability. If you are a person with a disability and would like information on programs, please call. If you need assistance, please call in advance of the program start date so we can accommodate your needs.

Transportation

Unless specified otherwise, the City of Columbus is not responsible for transporting participants to practices, meets, or games. Parents should make transportation arrangements prior to the start of a program.

RECREATION REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out the registration form below to register for a recreation program or activity. Complete the form in its entirety and include correct Resident (R) or Non-resident (NR) fees. Registration forms received with missing information or missing payments may be rejected. Please remit payment and your registration to: Columbus Recreation, 161 North Dickason Blvd. Columbus, WI 53925.

Adult First & Last Name _____

Adult Phone Number _____

Adult Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Adult Email Address _____

Activity Name	Session Number	Participant Name (First & Last)	Gender	Birth Date	Grade	Shirt Size Youth or Adult	Fee (\$)
						Y A	
						Y A	
						Y A	
						Y A	
						Y A	
						Y A	
						Y A	
Subtotal:							\$_____

Please list any food allergies or special accommodations for each participant:

Participant Name: _____ Note: _____

Participant Name: _____ Note: _____

As a participant of the above listed program (s), I hereby give my permission to participate in any or all of the above activities for the current season. I hereby hold harmless and indemnify the City of Columbus, its appointed and elected council, boards and committees, employees, and volunteers from any and all claims, damages losses and expenses including but not limited to attorney's fees attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, personal injury and death. I also hereby state that I will hold harmless the City of Columbus, it's appointed and elected council, boards and committees, employees, and volunteers from any transportation bodily injury, property damage or physical damage claims to participants. I further state that I will be financially responsible for the return and care of any equipment issued to myself, and will insure that such equipment is returned to the designated party by the date specified.

Participant (or participant's guardian)

Date

Interested in assisting in our programs or coaching???

Please list your name and contact number here: _____